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Bus Line Champion Challenges Council Candidate's Claim

Refuting a statement by Victor E. Benstead, a candidate for the city council, that he instituted litigation to block the sale of the city's bus lines in 1947, William J. B. Hughes this week claimed that "Benstead had nothing whatsoever to do with it."

Eight Stores Included in New Permits

Four stores at 1317 and 1321 El Prado valued at \$24,500, four more at 1340-46 valued at \$12,600, and a \$9000 warehouse at 1315 El Prado to be erected by George Binder, led the list of building permits issued this week by City Building Inspector John R. Patrick.
 Other permits issued included: Walter Sharon, \$600 garage at 2047 Reynosa drive; General Petroleum, \$3500 addition to Ethyl blending building; Elizabeth M. Warner, \$375 addition to a building at 2210 Cabrillo avenue; John E. Miller, \$12,000 residence at 1532 Post avenue.
 I. E. Whitcomb, \$100 addition to garage at 1805 Andree avenue; Lee F. Story, \$400 garage at 3115 Winlock road; L. R. Drew, \$700 residence and garage at 284 Via Linda Vista; Jack Newton, \$9000 residence and garage at 304 Paseo de Garcia; J. Coughlan, \$4350 residence at 2255 West 230th street; Raymond Pinkerton, \$9800 residence and garage at 336 Paseo de Garcia; Jack Marcotte, \$1225 garage and laundry room at 16504 Hawthorne avenue; John R. Glover, \$600 garage and utility shed at 2148 West 236th street.

Hughes, according to printed accounts of the case, contributed \$100 to start a taxpayer's lawsuit against the city council three years ago. The case, first tried in Superior Court in Los Angeles, was automatically appealed and it was held that the City Council could not sell the lines without a vote of the people.
 Hughes' letter disclaimed Benstead was based on the candidate's statement appearing in the Torrance Herald on March 16, in which he said:
 "... I participated in and contributed to citizen's committee and instigated litigation to save the bus lines."
 "Mr. Benstead contributed \$5 to start a referendum petition. From there on I received no other support from Mr. Benstead. Since he is basing much of his campaign platform on how he saved the city bus lines for Torrance, I think that the public should be informed of the truth of the matter," Hughes said.

Following is the unsolicited letter received this week from Hughes:
 William J. B. Hughes
 1318 Madrid Ave.
 Torrance, Calif.
 21 March, 1950
 To the Torrance Herald:
 The following is my statement, any part or all of which you are welcome to publish:
 For the information of my fellow citizens that they may better judge the claims of a certain candidate for the City Council, I offer the following information:
 It seems that Victor E. Benstead, who is a candidate for election to the City Council in the forthcoming election is, for political purposes, trying to give the voters the impression that through his efforts and the instituting of litigation, he prevented the sale of the municipal bus lines several years ago.
 I instituted that litigation. Victor E. Benstead had nothing whatsoever to do with it.
 Sincerely,
 William J. B. Hughes



GRAPHIC . . . Firemen grimly battle \$100,000 Harbor City warehouse fire which sent flames and black smoke shooting high into the air and drew scores of curious onlookers

from Torrance Saturday afternoon. The building, which housed the Commercial Steel Corp., was completely destroyed in holocaust, which was visible for 25 miles. (Herald photo).

Store Operators Organize Better Merchants Group

Indication that Torrance was stepping into "long pants" was revealed by John Almond, president of the newly-formed Torrance Better Merchants division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

This new organization, which will take over many of the activities of the old retail division of the Chamber . . . will have as its chief purpose the agreement of all members to abide strictly by the decision of its directors.

It was pointed out in the past that the old retail division has no "advance" agreement that its decision would be followed. This resulted in many stores "doing as they pleased" on many matters of common interest including store opening and closing hours.

While the number of merchants who have agreed to this plan does not include all stores, President Almond said, "We are making no membership drive. We don't expect all merchants to join our organization, even though they are all invited, for they may not agree with our plan. But the stores that do, we believe, will influence the entire retail trade in the city for the better."
 The program is a five-point membership plan:

1. To abide by the decisions of the Board of Directors of the Better Merchants Division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce on all matters affecting common problems.
2. To support financially the activities of the Better Merchants by honoring and paying pro-rata share of all expenses authorized by the Board of Directors in relation to the store foot frontage.
3. To accept the Truth in Advertising principle of the Better Business Bureau as a code of ethics.
4. To abide by Torrance standard opening and closing hours.
5. To cooperate with fellow merchants in assisting customers in securing all needs in Torrance by directing attention to the store where the needed merchandise can be found.

In the recent election of officers James Squire of the Tiny Tyke Shop was named vice-president.
 Elected to the Board of Directors were: Herb Cohn, Paul Diamond, Darwin Parish, Harry Abramson and Claudia Adams.
 Almond succeeds Paul Diamond as head of the merchant group.
 Blaine Walker, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, was named secretary-treasurer.

Anybody Leave His Bomb in Burgner's Alley?
 Anybody missing a bomb? Richard Burgner found an unexploded five-pound A-1 Force target bomb Monday in the alley near his home at 2309 1/2 Torrance boulevard Monday.
 He turned it over to the police, who, in turn, turned it over to the ordinance department at Fort MacArthur where the owner can claim it.

Letters To The Editor

Marine Veteran Challenges Buddies Over Backing Candidates Against Loyalty Oath

March 21, 1950

Editor,
 Torrance Herald
 Dear Sir:

There has been a deal consummated here in Torrance in which I want to say I have had no part.

I am a Marine Corps veteran of four years service with more overseas chow-line time than some of my buddies have time in the service.

I mention this because I think it gives me some authority for speaking out this way.

Maybe my buddies in the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans have forgotten those days at Iwo Jima, the Bulge and the Aleutian Islands.

Or perhaps they have been sold a bill of goods. Or perhaps they don't realize that what happened at Iwo or at the Rhine Crossing can happen again.

At any rate I cannot for the life of me, or for that of my wife and kids, understand how the Torrance Council of Veterans would allow their name to be used on posters endorsing C. Ed. Jones, a candidate for public office on the City Council of our town, who urges the people to vote against city employees taking the loyalty oath.

Mr. Jones, openly, in an ad in your paper last week, urged a "No" vote on Proposition Number Four—a proposition which would require city employees (I quote): "... to affirm their loyalty to the United States of America and its principles of government."

As far as I am personally concerned, we might as well hand Stalin a key to our city.

I will sign this letter and you may use my name if you wish. Of course, if you do, you can probably realize that unpleasant situations may arise. I think just as much might be accomplished (namely, bringing this endorsement to light) without using my name—but suit yourself.

Sincerely yours,
 (Signature)

(Ed note.—The above letter (signed) was received in the office of the Herald on Wednesday, March 22. We agree with the author that possibly no other useful purpose could be served by using his name and have therefore taken the liberty of withholding the signature).



JOHN ALMOND
 . . . Better Plan Leader

Foster Takes First Place

Lester Foster, speaking on "It's All in the Point of View," took the honors of the evening with his talk at the Toastmaster's meeting held Tuesday night at the Fish Shanty in Walteria.

Park Montague and Tweed Jolly reigned up even in second place.

Inactive Torrance Toastmasters and their ladies have been invited to attend the installation of officers' banquet to be held at the Fish Shanty on Saturday, April 8. The dinner meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Price of \$2.50 per plate may be given to Harry Watkins or Luther Mumford on or before Tuesday, April 4, according to Harry Burkholder, president.

DIGESTION AID
 A human stomach produces about 10 pounds of gastric juices a day for digestion of food.

Faces Major Operation

Haskell Tidwell, executive secretary of the San Pedro Retail Clerks Union, No. 905, AFL, is in the Magnolia Hospital in Long Beach, according to a bedside phone call yesterday.

He has been under observation for the past ten days for a stomach ailment. Surgeons expect to reach a decision today if the union leader will be forced to go into surgery for a major operation.

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 said that a later ordinance made the four-fifths vote unnecessary. Powell, who changed his vote, stated that the council should recall the license because the original action of the council did not pass by a four-fifths majority.

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... Festival

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 various divisions will be awarded the top three winners.
 Each entry in the parade, said Moon, will receive a free ticket to one of the rides on the midway.
 Among the rides planned for the midway are a Ferris Wheel, Merry-Go-Round, Fly-A Plane, Tilt-A-Whirl, Roller Coaster and automobiles, airplanes and boats for the kiddies.
 The midway will open on weekdays at 6 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m.
 Among the entertainment to be found on the midway will be ten booths operated by various service clubs and organizations in the community.
 Those wishing to enter the nightly amateur contests are asked to contact Harry Watkins, Beacon Cleaners, 1879 Carson street, giving the following information: name, age, address, phone, type of act, time, number in act, male or female, if taking lessons, where, previous shows, and where.

Acts will be auditioned in the Torrance Civic Auditorium Saturday, March 25 commencing at 2 p.m. with the first acts to apply receiving earliest consideration.
 Auditions will be open to the public.
 Among the contest divisions in the parade will be:
 Best costume, best nationally costume, best folk costume, best impersonation regalia, best comic, the ugliest, the prettiest, the funniest, the most original, and the best western costume.
 Prizes for floats will be given but no motor scooters or automobiles may be entered. All floats must be drawn by children or pets. The floats will be judged for neatness and originality with consideration allowed for the work put into the float by its owner.
 Dolls will be entered and judged in several classifications.
 The parade committee asks various women's groups in the area to assist children with their costumes. Rules provide that younger children must be accompanied in the parade by an adult. The contest is limited to children of school age and younger.

'MILKY WAY' Aired
 "The Milky Way," starring Danny Kaye and Shirley Booth, will be United States Steel's Sunday, March 26, presentation, via stations of the National Broadcasting Company network at 5:30 p.m. (PST).

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